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Phone call to Helen Schcomin

It was actually a very difficult conversation for she apparently has been quite ill. I tried to lead the conversation into some things with the hope that she would give me a clue or two but actually it just didn't work out that way. I asked her about the Institute of Noetic Sciences, told her I had some reservations concerning its direction and wondered if she felt that it was something that was the result of the Miracle material or what. She said that she had no knowledge concerning the Institute, hadn't the slightest idea how it operated and so she was not able to comment. She said that Judy had been to New York to see her a little while ago and said that Judy seemed to be in a good frame of mind although Judy had a lot of severe problems of her own.

Helen said nothing that even remotely could be construed negative concerning Judy or her husband, Bob. I asked her about her trip to California and she said she had a very pleasant time and that's all I got out of it. I did give her my telephone number here in Tucson and also both numbers in Kalamazoo, the office and home. I told her I would give her a ring sometime when I was in New York and she said by all means do so, but be sure to call her first before coming to her apartment. Actually she seemed to be very mysterious and the going was not all that good.

After terminating the call, we went back into look at television and about an hour later the telephone rang and it was Helen's husband, Mr. Schcomin. He said that he had gone over to a friend's house, to be exact he was over at the apartment of Ken Wafnik (sp?). He was the fella who was associated with Helen and Bill and wrote one of the pamphlets which I think you have (in the office).

Schcomin said that he didn't want his wife, Helen, to know that he had called me but he wanted to tell me the truth about the whole thing, and believe me I got an earful. I am not sure that I can remember all of the details but it seems that after Judy had the Miracle material published, or rather had all of the writings reduced to manuscript form, she took out the copyright on the material in the name of her Foundation for Inner Peace.

No arrangement was made with Helen or her husband to participate in the copyright. It seems as if the relations between Judy and Helen were quite up and down for sometime. At first they were very cordial and Schcomin said that Judy had a tremendous knowledge of the Miracle material as a form of psychology but had experienced practically no spiritual encounter with the material at all and therefore it was a mind boggling thing with Judy but not a spiritual science, so to speak. The relations became very strained and at least on one occasion Judy called Helen on the telephone and to quote Schcomin "dressed her down using the vilest language that he ever heard."

Schcomin said that Bill, who had been associated with Helen at Columbia, was a very passive sort of fella and that he had not entered into the disagreement between the two and it seems that he is on Judy's payroll. So his position for the most part, has been neutralized.

There seems to be reason to believe that Jerry Jampolsky and Judy are not on intimate terms to quote Schcomin, "Jampolsky is very sincere, very honest about his development with the Material and that he has no truck for the Institute of Noetic Sciences or the other things that Judy has been involved in." It was Jampolsky who went to New York and brought Helen and her husband to California for the extended visit. They saw Judy from time to time and Jampolsky's place but never during their stay in California did Judy invite Helen and her husband

to her home. It seems as if there have been many ups and downs, times when they were not speaking and other times when things were patched up.

I asked Schcomin if he knew Al Hubbard. He said he had met him and knew that he was Bill Harman's guru but aside from that he knew very little about him. Schcomin had also heard of Bill Witman in Washington and said he understood that he was Judy's latest Messiah. The story goes that Judy was co-founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences with Mitchell and when Mitchell's tent began to fold, I believe the next person Judy was after was the Professor on the faculty of Stanford whose name escapes me now (Tiller?). But after that you remember she was after me to take the thing over and following that I believe Jim Fadiman had it for awhile and following Fadiman came Bill Harman.

According to Schcomin Judy's big push now is with Witman in Washington and she is beginning to discard Bill Harman. This in all probability has brought things to a head which led Harman to make the announcement of his joining or about to join the Association of Humanistic Psychology. All of this, of course, only serves to substantiate my own reservations but it has taken quite a while to cut through the aroma of secrecy that seems to prevail. There are many other minor details but these are the broad aspects of the problem.

At the conclusion of the talk with Schcomin he said now "You don't know me and I would strongly advise to discount 100% of everything I have said because I am certainly prejudiced." Of course, he wouldn't want Helen to ever know that he had talked to me. I can see where this could be a two-sided story but actually there is more truth than poetry in it. On the other hand, I don't propose to exercise any definitive judgment concerning it but simply to let it all rest so to speak.

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